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## SHEEP, LAMB, AND GOAT INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 2016

### ARIZONA

The January 1, 2016 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Arizona totaled 145,000 head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2015. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 1 percent from last year to 106,000 head while market sheep and lambs decreased by 9 percent to 39,000 head. The number of replacement lambs increased 4 percent to 25,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 1 percent from last year to 75,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 6,000 head, are down 1,000 head from last year. Of the 39,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 4,000 head were market sheep and 35,000 head were market lambs. There were 10,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, down 2,000 head from a year earlier; 7,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, down 1,000 head from the previous year; 6,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 5,000 head last year; and 12,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 14,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2015. The 2015 lamb crop, at 51,000 head, was up 4 percent from the 2014 lamb crop. Wool production in Arizona during 2015 totaled 620,000 pounds, down 9 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 110,000 head, was down 4 percent from 115,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2015 totaled \$713,000, and was down 5 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$1.15 per pound of wool sold compared with \$1.10 per pound the previous year.

Angora goat inventory was down 3 percent from last year at 35,000 head. Meat and other goats accounted for 27,000 head on January 1, 2016, down 4 percent from last year. Mohair production in Arizona totaled 115,000 pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. The number of angora goats clipped at 29,000 head, was down 12 percent from last year. The value of mohair production for 2015 totaled \$184,000, and was up 33 percent from the previous year as producers received \$1.60 per pound of mohair sold compared to \$1.15 the previous year.

### COLORADO

The January 1, 2016 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Colorado totaled 435,000 head, up 4 percent from January 1, 2015. The number of breeding sheep and lambs was unchanged from last year at 220,000 head while market sheep and lambs increased by 8 percent to 215,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased 3 percent to 29,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older was unchanged from last year at 184,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 7,000 head, are up 1,000 head from last year. Of the 215,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 213,000 head were market lambs. There were 3,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, down 2,000 head from a year earlier; 9,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, up 1,000 head from the previous year; 22,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 34,000 head last year; and 179,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 148,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2015. The 2015 lamb crop, at 200,000 head, was unchanged from the 2014 lamb crop. Wool production in Colorado during 2015 totaled 2.41 million pounds, up slightly from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 320,000 head, was down 6 percent from 340,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2015 totaled \$4.34 million, and was down 2 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$1.80 per pound of wool sold compared with \$1.85 per pound the previous year.

Meat and other goats accounted for 23,000 head on January 1, 2016, compared with 25,000 head last year and milk goats totaled 11,000 head, up from 10,000 head a year ago.

### MONTANA

The January 1, 2016 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Montana totaled 230,000 head, up 7 percent from January 1, 2015. The number of breeding sheep and lambs increased by 9 percent from last year to 210,000 head while market sheep and lambs decreased by 9 percent to 20,000 head. The number of replacement lambs increased 32 percent to 45,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older increased 4 percent from last year to 159,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 6,000 head, are unchanged from last year. Of the 20,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 18,000 head were market lambs. There were 1,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, unchanged from a year earlier; 5,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, up 2,000 head from the previous year; 7,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 10,000 head last year; and 5,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 6,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2015. The 2015 lamb crop, at 210,000 head, was up 5 percent from the 2014 lamb crop. Wool production in Montana during 2015 totaled 1.84 million pounds, up 11 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 205,000 head, was up 11 percent from 185,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2015 totaled \$3.50 million, and was up 3 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$1.90 per pound of wool sold compared with \$2.05 per pound the previous year.

### NEW MEXICO

The January 1, 2016 inventory of all sheep and lambs in New Mexico totaled 90,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2015. The number of breeding sheep and lambs was unchanged from last year at 76,000 head while market sheep and lambs were unchanged at 14,000 head. The number of replacement lambs was unchanged at 14,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older was unchanged from last year at 58,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 4,000 head, are unchanged from last year. Of the 14,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 12,000 head were market lambs. There were 2,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, down 1,000 head from a year earlier; 5,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, up 1,000 head from the previous year; 3,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds, unchanged from last year; and 2,000 head weighed over

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105 pounds, unchanged from this weight group on January 1, 2015. The 2015 lamb crop, at 45,000 head, was unchanged from the 2014 lamb crop. Wool production in New Mexico during 2015 totaled 645,000 pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 82,000 head, was up 1 percent from 81,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2015 totaled \$903,000, and was down 13 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$1.40 per pound of wool sold compared with \$1.65 per pound the previous year.

Angora goat inventory was down 9 percent from last year at 10,000 head. Mohair production in New Mexico totaled 30,000 pounds, down 14 percent from the previous year. The number of angora goats clipped at 8,000 head, was down 11 percent from last year. The value of mohair production for 2015 totaled \$42,000, and was unchanged from the previous year as producers received \$1.40 per pound of mohair sold compared to \$1.20 the previous year.

**UTAH**

The January 1, 2016 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Utah totaled 285,000 head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2015. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 2 percent from last year to 265,000 head while market sheep and lambs were unchanged at 20,000 head. The number of replacement lambs increased 5 percent to 42,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 2 percent from last year to 215,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 8,000 head, are down 2,000 head from last year. Of the 20,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 1,000 head were market sheep and 19,000 head were market lambs. There were 2,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, unchanged from a year earlier; 3,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, up 1,000 head from the previous year; 7,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 5,000 head last year; and 7,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 9,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2015. The 2015 lamb crop, at 230,000 head, was down 2 percent from the 2014 lamb crop. Wool production in Utah during 2015 totaled 2.39 million pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 255,000 head, was up 4 percent from 245,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2015 totaled \$4.06 million, and was down slightly from a year earlier as producers received \$1.70 per pound of wool sold compared with \$1.80 per pound the previous year.

**WYOMING**

The January 1, 2016 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Wyoming totaled 355,000 head, up 3 percent from January 1, 2015. The number of breeding sheep and lambs increased by 2 percent from last year to 265,000 head while market sheep and lambs increased by 6 percent to 90,000 head. The number of replacement lambs was unchanged at 43,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older increased 2 percent from last year to 215,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 7,000 head, are unchanged from last year. Of the 90,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 5,000 head were market sheep and 85,000 head were market lambs. There were 1,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, down 1,000 head from a year earlier; 10,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, up 4,000 head from the previous year; 43,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 46,000 head last year; and 31,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 27,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2015. The 2015 lamb crop, at 235,000 head, was down 2 percent from the 2014 lamb crop. Wool production in Wyoming during 2015 totaled 2.48 million pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 270,000 head, was up 8 percent from 250,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2015 totaled \$4.46 million, and was down 1 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$1.80 per pound of wool sold compared with \$1.97 per pound the previous year.

**UNITED STATES**

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2016 totaled 5.32 million head, up 1 percent from 2015. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.97 million head on January 1, 2016, increased 1 percent from 3.94 million head on January 1, 2015. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.13 million head, were slightly above last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2016 totaled 1.36 million head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2015. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory. The 2015 lamb crop of 3.44 million head was unchanged from 2014. The 2015 lambing rate was 111 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2015, also unchanged from 2014. Shorn wool production in the United States during 2015 was 27.1 million pounds, up 1 percent from 2014. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.68 million head, unchanged from 2014. The average price paid for wool sold in 2015 was \$1.45 per pound for a total value of 39.3 million dollars, up 1 percent from 38.9 million dollars in 2014. Sheep death loss during 2015 totaled 230,000 head, up 5 percent from 2014. Lamb death loss increased 3 percent from 365,000 head to 375,000 head in 2015.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2016 totaled 2.62 million head, down 1 percent from 2015. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.16 million head, down 1 percent from 2015. Does one year old and older, at 1.61 million head, were 2 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 459,000 head, down 1 percent from a year ago. Kid crop for 2015 totaled 1.68 million head for all goats, down 2 percent from 2014. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.10 million head on January 1, 2016, down 1 percent from 2015. Milk goat inventory was 375,000 head, up 3 percent from January 1, 2015, while Angora goats were down 6 percent, totaling 150,000 head. Mohair production in the United States during 2015 was 765,000 pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 139,000 head. Average weight per clip was 5.5 pounds. Mohair price was \$5.30 per pound with a value of 4.05 million dollars.

All sheep and goat inventory and lamb and kid crop estimates for January 1, 2015, were reviewed using official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. No revisions were made to sheep inventory or lamb crop at the United States level. A revision of 1 percent was made to goat inventory and no change was made to the kid crop. State level estimates were reviewed and changes were made to reallocate inventory estimates to the United States total.

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